

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

PETER J. MESSITTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Counsel of Record

FROM: Judge Peter J. Messitte

RE: Hackett v. ADF Companies, LLC et al.
Civil Case No. PJM 15-1688

DATE: July 31, 2015

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On July 29, 2015, the Court received a filing from counsel for Plaintiff Jamar Hackett styled “Notice of Filing Consent to Joint.” ECF No. 12. The filing states that “[t]he following plaintiff(s) are hereby joined to the instant action by the filing of their signed Consent to Join form[.]” (emphasis added). The filing contains a signed Consent to Join from one Marko Blume.

The Court is aware of no authority holding that a potential collective action opt-in plaintiff may, by virtue of submitting such a filing, unilaterally join him or herself to an FLSA collective action, at least before the Court has considered and approved a Motion for Conditional Class Certification.

Accordingly, the Court construes this filing as a notice that this particular potential collective action plaintiff consents to be joined to instant action, should the Court in the future conditionally certify such a class.

Despite the informal nature of this ruling, it shall constitute an Order of the Court and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.

/s/
PETER J. MESSITTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: Court File